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In re Application of:
CRAIG D. JOHNSON

Serial No. 09/973,443

Filed: OCTOBER 09, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHODS
FOR FLOW CONTROL
GRAVEL PACK

Group Art Unit 3672

Examiner: J. H. GAY

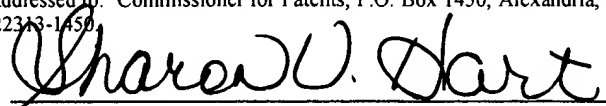
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 22, 2004

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2004 for which the three-month date for response is April 22, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

If an extension of time is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

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1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2032.007500/DCD.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.